

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Edward Greef, on March 26, 2015 at 5:30 PM, in Room 172 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Edward Greef, Chair (R)
Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Kathy Swanson, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Tom Berry (R)
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Frank Garner (R)
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)
Rep. Debra Lamm (R)
Rep. Steve Lavin (R)
Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R)
Rep. Nate McConnell (D)
Rep. Christopher Pope (D)
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)
Rep. Tom Richmond (R)
Rep. Tom Steenberg (D)
Rep. Nancy Wilson (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Nicholas Schwaderer (R)
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Branch
Noah Horan, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 640, 3/26/2015
Executive Action on: HB 613; HB 640

HEARING ON HB 640

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:47 Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R), HD 57, opened the hearing on HB 640, Generally revise local government laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:49 Dan Happel, Self

00:05:50 Mike Fellows, Montana Libertarian Party

Opponents' Testimony:

00:07:51 Kelly Lynch, Montana Department of Commerce (DOC)

00:12:29 Tara DePuy, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

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00:16:33 Erin Farris-Olsen, Montana Smart Growth Coalition (MSGC)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:17:08 Rep. Fitzpatrick

00:17:30 Rep. Mandeville

00:18:28 Rep. Fitzpatrick

00:18:58 Rep. Mandeville

00:19:13 Rep. Fitzpatrick

00:19:19 Rep. Mandeville

00:19:42 Rep. Fitzpatrick

00:20:07 Rep. Mandeville

00:20:33 Chair Greef

00:21:15 Rep. Mandeville

00:21:24 Chair Greef

00:21:52 Rep. Mandeville

00:22:13 Chair Greef

Closing by Sponsor:

00:22:20 Rep. Mandeville

00:23:13 Chair Greef

00:23:54 Recess

00:35:45 Reconvened. Rep. Lamm and Rep. Lavin did not return from recess.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 613

00:36:07 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 613 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:36:17 Chair Greef

00:36:50 Rep. Funk
00:36:56 Chair Greef

00:37:07 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Custer made a substitute motion that **HB 613 BE TABLED**. Substitute Motion carried 13-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Garner, Rep. Greef, Rep. Lamm, Rep. Lavin, Rep. Mandeville, Rep. Schwaderer and Rep. Zolnikov voting no. Rep. Lamm, Rep. Lavin, Rep. Schwaderer and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 640

00:38:55 **Motion:** Rep. Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 640 DO PASS**.

00:39:10 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Berry made a substitute motion that **HB 640 BE TABLED**. Substitute Motion carried 13-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Greef, Rep. Lamm, Rep. Lavin, Rep. Mandeville, Rep. Ricci, Rep. Schwaderer and Rep. Zolnikov voting no. Rep. Lamm, Rep. Lavin, Rep. Schwaderer and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

00:40:47 Chair Greef
00:42:21 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
00:42:38 Chair Greef
00:43:13 Rep. Berry
00:43:32 Chair Greef
00:43:38 Rep. Funk
00:43:53 Chair Greef

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 00:44:29

Noah Horan, Secretary

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